

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Currently amended) A method, in an information handling system comprising a processor and a storage device, for improving the handling of personally identifiable information, said method comprising:

do not enter generating, in the information handling system, an object model for representing
-cz relationships between active entities with regard to handling of personally identifiable information, wherein the active entities comprise a data subject, represented as a data subject object in the object model, and at least one data user, represented as at least one data user object in the object model, and wherein the data subject is an active entity that is identified by the personally identifiable information and the at least one data user is an active entity that uses the personally identifiable information obtained from the data subject;

identifying, by the information handling system, parties involved in a process of handling personally identifiable information based on the object model, wherein the parties comprise the data subject and the at least one data user;

identifying, by the information handling system, data involved in said process from a data model;

classifying, by the information handling system, the data as personally identifiable information or non-personally identifiable information;

expressing, by the information handling system, based on the object model, each relationship between each pair of said parties in terms of a privacy agreement, wherein the privacy agreement for each relationship between each pair of parties is a subset of a natural language privacy policy set, the subset being defined as specific to a particular situation or purpose and specific to the particular parties in the pair of parties; and

representing, by the information handling system, said parties, said data, and said privacy agreements graphically as objects and associations between objects in one or more privacy agreement relationship diagrams;

identifying opportunities to reduce privacy-related risks involved in said process based on the one or more privacy agreement relationship diagrams; and